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1. AT MONTHLY MEETING OF WESTERN POLITICAL COUNSELORS,
FRG DCM RHEKER GAVE A STATUS REPORT ON FRG-POLISH RELA-
TIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS. SHE SAID THE LAST ROUND OF
TECHNICAL TALKS ON A PENSION AGREEMENT HELD IN WARSAW IN
MID-MARCH HAD GONE AS WELL AS THE GERMANS HAD HOPED
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BECAUSE THE POLES SURFACED SOME NEW COMPLICATIONS (RHEKER
DIDN'T ELABORATE ON THIS POINT). HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN

AGREED TO HOLD ANOTHER ROUND LATER THIS MONTH, BUT THE DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. RHEKER SAID THAT BOTH THE POLES AND GERMANS ARE UNDER PRESSURE TO REACH AGREEMENT BEFORE MID-SUMMER; THE POLES WANT TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE THIRD PHASE OF CSCE AND THE GERMANS WANT ONE BEFORE THEIR ELECTIONS.

2. ON THIS POINT, THE BRITISH DCM COMMENTED THAT POLISH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CZYREK UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT BRITISH SUPPORT FOR THE POLISH POSITION IN THE FRG-POLISH NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING THAT IT WASN'T IMPORTANT FOR THE POLES TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE CSCE THIRD PHASE.

3. RHEKER SAID THAT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A GENERAL PENSIONS AGREEMENT, THE FRG IS PREPARED TO MAKE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO THE GOP TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE 110,000 LIVING POLISH FORMER VICTIMS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS THE GOP IS SEEKING. ALSO, THE FRG WILL NOT AGREE TO CALLING THE PAYMENT INDEMNIFICATION FOR FEAR OF ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER EE COUNTRIES; POLAND IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL CASE.

4. IN RETURN, THE FRG IS HOLDING OUT FOR POLISH AGREEMENT TO THE EMIGRATION OF 150,000 ETHNIC GERMANS WITHIN THREE YEARS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE EMIGRATION IN THE FUTURE OF OTHER ETHNIC GERMANS WHO APPLY. RHEKER SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE NOT EAGER TO BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF RESETTLING LARGE NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS DURING A PERIOD OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND, THEREFORE, THERE IS GIVE IN THE GERMAN POSITION ON NUMBERS, BUT GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION INSISTS ON THE AFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS. RHEKER SAID THAT THE POLES ARE STICKING TO A TOTAL OF 70,000 AND ARE BALKING AT THE PRINCIPLE OF FUTURE EMIGRATION. THE POLES ALSO WANT THE 50,000 WHO HAVE LEFT SINCE DECEMBER 1970 TO BE CREDITED TO THE TOTAL.

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5. RHEKER SAID THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE AMOUNT OF FRG CREDITS AT ONE BILLION D-MARKS AS A SEPARATE ITEM, NOT LINKED TO THE EMIGRATION AND INDEMNIFICATION ISSUE.

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, RHEKER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NUMBERS ON EMIGRATION AND INDEMNIFICATION COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT, BUT THAT THE REAL STICKING POINT WAS THE PRINCIPLE OF FUTURE EMIGRATION. SHE ALSO RECOGNIZED THIS AS THE ONE ELEMENT THAT THE POLES PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR WITH THEIR WARSAW PACT

ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION. GIVEN ITS DIRECT
RELATIONSHIP TO THE BASKET III PRINCIPLE ON THE FREE
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION AT CSCE IN
GENEVA.

7 MEANWHILE, A STEADY POLISH PRESS CAMPAIGN OF
FEATURE ARTICLES ON NAZI WAR CRIMES AGAINST POLES
CONTINUES. LARGELY IN WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS. A SECON-
DARY THEME, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FEW ARTICLES,
IS THE ALLEGEDLY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC LOT OF POLISH
IMMIGRANTS IN THE FRG.
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